

## ARRESTED WHILE SHOPPING

#### FOUR WOMEN COMMITTED TO PRISON

**The Accusation Against Mme. Conterno and Mme. Vibert and their Unavailing Explanations—Locking Up a Frightened Girl, Mme. Annie Conterno and Mme. Pauline**

Police Court yesterday, and accused of stealing a pocketbook, containing \$8, from Mrs. Annie M. Burns, in the dry goods store of John M. Coughlin, 767 Broadway. Their arrest occurred at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and they were taken to the station in the city car. Contorno is the young wife of Prof. Luigi Contorno, the leader of the Twenty-third Regiment Band of Brooklyn, and a daughter of the old Frenchman, Dr. Trenchon, who lived for years in Bleecker street.

Mrs. Vibert is a widow of mature age, and lives with Mrs. Contorno at 232 Third avenue. She has four grown children, and Mrs. Contorno has two little children. Both prisoners had with them in their bundles of dress goods which they had purchased, and both were greatly distressed at their position, but Mrs. Contorno was more so than her husband.

The complaint, Mrs. Burns, lives at 518 East Fifty-seventh street. When shopping in the city, she was accompanied by her husband, together with a small bundle, and moved a few steps away. A moment later she missed the bundle, and when she returned it was still there. A search was made. Several ladies, who were with Mrs. Contorno, expressed sympathy for her. Mrs. Vibert, Broome's saleswoman, then pointed out Mrs. Vibert, and said he had seen her in the pocketbook from the counter, and handed it to Mrs. Contorno. With her husband, the clerk said, had been in the store, and he had seen her at the store clock. Mrs. Contorno was asked to look in her pockets, which she did, and found Mrs.

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**QUEBEC, May 12.**—In the Quebec Legislature yesterday the Hon. D. A. Ross formally charged the Hon. R. T. Paquet, the Provincial Secretary, with receiving moneys from the Credit Foncier, and moved for a committee of investigation. Mr. Paquet read a protest against the interference of the House in the private affairs of Ministers and Ministers, and claiming the right to make use of the Credit Foncier in his own interest. He, however, denied having received any remuneration, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of facilitating the passage through the House of any measure.

**WASHINGTON, May 12.**—Mrs. Garfield is more comfortable to-day. As soon as he is deemed proper to leave his room, she will go to the Soldiers' Home, where they will reside during the heated term.

**Gen. Grant's Negotiations in Mexico.**

MEXICO, May 11.—Gen. Grant to-day signed the new treaty between Mexico and the United States, tracing the extensions of the Mexican Southern Railway. It was submitted to the Congress to-morrow.

**The O'Leary Belt Controversy.**

CHICAGO, May 12.—The actors in the pedestrian belt controversy are now being arraigned before Judge Wilson. The following names were called: J. J. Lyons, 3026; Krohnke, 322; Faber, 391; Strucke, 293; Brooks, 285; Gumpson, 459; Welsler numberless.

**Fritz in a Lunatic Asylum.**

From the Boston Telegram.

LIVERPOOL, May 12.—It has been reported that the actor has broken his engagement, and has been placed in a lunatic asylum.

**The Signal Office Prediction.**

Early in the morning we will experience a cold rain, winds mostly westerly, higher barometer, stationary or lower temperature.

**JOTTINGS ABOUT ABLONE.**

Judge Donohue has granted an absolute divorce to Emma J. Ablone from Eugene F. J. Ablone.

Guy A. L. Littlefield of Rhode Island is at the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York, waiting for a steamer to sail at the Victoria.

A man shot a mad dog at the First Avenue yesterday, and Policeman Kelly shot another at 444

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